

PRINCIPALS UPDATE: December 19th 2022

Dear all,

Well the final week and day of school for your students has arrived and what an amazing week it has been!

The week commenced with the Year 7 and 8 Presentation Night at the zoo. It was wonderful to see the students achieving awards for academic excellence and citizenship. Then on Wednesday evening we had 'Carols in the COLA' ... such a lovely and joyous way to end the year's music program for our students. I must admit it was a surprise when Santa arrived. Joern Harris (Santa) is such an important part of our music program and the fantastic conductor and tutor of the senior jazz band.

On Thursday, family and friends of 7 drama were treated to a fabulous afternoon of performance. The focus of the play was cyber-bullying and the message was well-delivered in a somewhat humorous but nevertheless hard-hitting way.

It is also impressive to see that most students have attended and engaged in learning right up to the final day.

Congratulations to the 'Class of 2022', yesterday there were many smiling faces as students returned to school to let their teachers know how well they had done. Particular congratulations to Jerry Chen who received an ATAR of 99.4. There are many impressive achievements and I will outline them all in the first High Flyer for 2023.

I have been discussing the possibility of a working from home day to support the curriculum review initiative commencing in 2023. After considerable discussion and feedback we have decided to try a different approach to teacher Professional Learning and so there will be no working from home days as part of the curriculum review.

The build is progressing at a pace and in fact on 19 December some of the playground will be taken over during the holidays to commence the landscaping process. I guess when landscaping is occurring the end is in sight. Most of the concrete delineating levels has been poured and rooms are being formed on the first two floors with the addition of utility access as well.

2022 has been a very busy but extremely rewarding year. There have been so many opportunities for our students, whether it is in the classroom, excursions, school camps, on the sporting arena, in music or art or the many extra-curricular opportunities available. I know we will do it all again in 2023 and have as much fun or even more fun in learning and all the other wonderful things we do.

On behalf of all my amazing staff at Mosman High have a lovely Christmas and holiday and best wishes for 2023.

Susan